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BETHEL, MAINE.

Bamboo furniture, when it becomes dusty, may be cleaned with a small brush dipped in warm salt water. The salt will prevent it from turning yellow.

THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Mrs. Ira Jordan went to Lewiston to-day.

Mrs. Fannie Briggs of Albany, is visiting friends in town.

Senator and Mrs. Philbrook are in Augusta this week.

I. I. Young of East Bethel, was in the village Saturday.

Miss Rose Kimball is at her home in East Bethel for a few days.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Morice Thursday afternoon.

The Columbian Club will meet Saturday, Jan. 24, with Miss True.

Caroline M. Andrews has been granted a pension of \$8 per month.

Mr. A. F. Copeland left Bethel for Penobscot county last Sunday.

Mrs. A. F. Copeland is staying at Mr. Hannibal Grover's for a short time.

Mrs. J. C. Billings who has been very sick with la grippe, is somewhat better.

W. W. Virgin of Rumford Falls, visited friends in town Saturday and Sunday.

Save your candy money and invest it in new-made home candies, at Gould's Fair.

Miss Belle Brown and Miss Annie Swan of Locke Mills, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Vandenkerckhoven are receiving congratulations. It is a son.

Miss Ethel Allen of West Bethel, visited friends in the village a few days last week.

Miss Minnie Eagle has been obliged to leave school on account of whooping cough.

Miss Mildred Tyler is quite sick with bronchial pneumonia, following whooping cough.

Mrs. Dan Sparring has been called to Gorham, N. H., by the critical illness of her sister.

Mrs. B. C. Burbank of Shelburne, N. H., spent Sunday at the home of her father, A. H. Mason.

Miss Alice Billings has returned from Bridgton where she was the guest of Mrs. J. G. Hamlin.

Miss Josie Leighton and Miss Philbrook spent Sunday with friends in Shelburne, N. H.

Mr. Harold Chapman is in town selling fruit trees and shrubbery, and is meeting with good success.

Mr. Raymond Knight and Robert Manning went to their homes in North Waterford Friday, returning Tuesday.

A good supper and entertainment for only twenty-five cents, at Garland chapel, Friday afternoon and evening.

In the list of provisional commencement speakers at Bowdoin, announced recently, appear the names of Geo. B. Farnsworth and Leon V. Walker.

The ladies of the Church Aid will serve an Antiquarian Dinner at the store in Odd Fellows' block Thursday noon, Jan. 29. Watch for notice next week.

The Ladies' Church Aid will meet with Mrs. Andrews Thursday afternoon, Jan. 22. As this will be the annual meeting a full attendance is desired.

The social dance given in Odeon Hall last Thursday evening was well attended and was pronounced a very enjoyable affair by all. Another one will be held on Thursday evening, Jan. 29, when it is hoped that even a larger number will avail themselves of the privilege of enjoying a real social dance.

Last Wednesday the Newry camp at which small pox recently appeared, was broken up, all but six of the men having their belongings thoroughly fumigated before leaving. Of these six, two are sick, two are left to care for them, and the remaining two are those on whom vaccination did not take. Anyone who has been sufficiently interested in the matter to note the dispatch and caution used by Dr. Sturdivant can but feel safe with such an officer at the head of our Board of Health.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

New golf gloves, 25, 38, and 50 cents at L. M. Stearns.

Children's heavy fleeced hose from 12½ to 25 cents at L. M. Stearns.

The Annual Mark Down Sales are in order at E. E. Burnham's. Watch for Pointers, Hamburgs and Underwear this week.

The really wise mother will avail herself of the great Mark Down Sale on Children's Winter Underwear at E. E. Burnham's. Vests and Pants from 7 to 45 cents each.

Have you thought of the Fishpond that the Sophomores are preparing?

Mrs. C. M. Kimball of East Bethel, was in the village Saturday enroute for Milan, N. H., to care for her sister, Mrs. Charles C. Kimball, who was ill of pneumonia. Yesterday a message was received announcing the death of Mrs. C. C. Kimball. Funeral services will be held in the church at East Bethel to-morrow forenoon at ten o'clock.

G. A. Fair.

A school in its midst is a boon to any community. It is not only an intellectual center, a means of real advancement in life to the young people of the community, but it is also a direct financial gain to the town. The coffers of the tradesmen receive no mean addition from the expenditures of the student and the institution.

For years Gould's has meant all this and more to the people of Bethel, and in the oft-times generous donations of her trustees, she has received the support that shows a spirit of appreciation of the work she is striving to do, and a desire to co-operate in that work.

It is at her Annual Fair, however, that Gould's gives the citizens at large an opportunity to show the measure of their appreciation and interest, and each previous year the spirit of good-will and loyalty has borne fruit in the addition to her different departments that her receipts have enabled Gould's to make.

It is hoped that the support this year will be no less hearty and liberal than that of former times.

The students are working busily, and there will surely be something to please each visitor. Let the good people of Bethel remember that now is their chance to make this school year the best in the history of Gould's, and let one and all rally to her summons on Friday afternoon, Jan. 23.

STATE OF MAINE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be given a hearing before the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, in the Hall of Representatives, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 2 p. m., to inquire into the expediency of enacting a license law for non-resident hunters.

HARRY A. FURBUSH, Secretary.

The Village Federation.

The Village Federation of Clubs will be entertained by the Ladies' Aid at the lecture room of the M. E. church, on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2:30 o'clock.

The last meeting was held at Garland chapel, the members of its W. C. T. U. acting as hostesses. The program was a specially good one. Mrs. Durell read an extremely interesting paper on its Arts and Crafts Exhibition held at Lovell last summer. The description of its work and its methods was so clearly given that it might well serve as an incentive to any community to go and do likewise.

Mrs. Horrick gave a delightful talk on Warwick Castle, the only fault of which was its too early termination, which left her auditors hungry for more. The last number was a reading of one of Dickens' sketches of "Young Couples" entitled "The Loving Couple."

Secretaries of the various clubs are requested to send early notice of the contributions which they will furnish for the next meeting.

Fatal Accident on G. T. Ry.

John E. O'Meara of St. Bridges, Que., a brakeman on a through freight between Island Pond and Portland, was killed Monday night about eight o'clock, presumably by being knocked from the train by the overhead bridge, as the body was found a short distance below there. Relatives at Island Pond were notified and a brother and uncle came down Tuesday, and took the body back with them Tuesday night, after the inquest which was held at the undertaking rooms of Coroner A. W. Grover. The verdict rendered was that deceased came to his death by being crushed beneath the trucks of cars operated by the G. T. Ry. Co., having fallen beneath said trucks because of reasons unknown to said jurors.

O'Meara was about 20 years of age, and an estimable young man.

Fifth Entertainment of the Village Improvement Society.

It is always a privilege to come in touch with those who have known wide horizons. We are thereby made in some small sense the sharers of their outlook.

The Hon. Edward Strobel, Charge d'affaires in Spain, United States Minister to Ecuador and Chile, Professor of International Law at Harvard University, as a man employed, not only a skilled diplomat but as learned counsel in the negotiation of affairs of world wide import and significance, has lived in intimate association with men who have made and are making history, has known life and society on levels which no one outside the diplomatic ranks can know it.

The first half hour of Mr. Strobel's lecture on Spain and the Spaniards was given to a synopsis of Spanish history. Mr. Strobel has published a history of Spain, and he marshaled facts with the easy command of the skilled historian, yet more, he brought them before us flushed and tingling with life.

Even those to whom Spanish history may have seemed before a complex and unmanageable thing, sat spellbound beneath his captivating sentences.

Mr. Strobel is moreover a charming raconteur, and his reminiscences of life in Madrid were fascinating in the extreme.

No one to whom so much had been given had the temerity at the end of the hour to ask for more, but had he known the mute appeals that were going up from his listeners, we are sure that Mr. Strobel, who is not only gifted but gracious, would have talked on and given his audience another half hour's rare pleasure.

This delightful evening was a fitting close to the series which has brought so much of profit, given so much of pleasure.

We are deeply indebted not only for the service so generously rendered, but to the one in whose fertile brain originated the idea of enlisting it in our behalf.

Resolutions.

Resolutions of respect on the death of Mrs. Sophronia Chandler Grover who was a member of Brown Relief Corps and who died Dec. 8, 1902.

WHEREAS: Our Heavenly Father has called our sister, Sophronia Grover to the heavenly home, we sincerely feel her loss in our Corps, and realize that our links are being broken one by one, casting many a shadow. But as we look on the other side of the dark cloud, we see the links forming into a golden chain, never to be broken.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved husband and relatives, and that they also be placed upon our records and that a copy be printed in the Bethel News.

PAULINE E. PHILBROOK, SARAH F. BILLINGS, ELBERTA E. BURNHAM, Committee on Resolutions.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

Mightiest River in all New England.

It isn't likely that if any man in this city were asked to name the most powerful river in New England, that is, the one yielding the most water power and doing the most work, he would stop to consider the one that flows, virtually, by his own door and that he sees every day. He would think of the great manufacturing cities of Lowell, Lawrence, Manchester, and Haverhill and then he would say "the Merrimac, of course."

But the United States Geological Surveyors, in their report on this matter, say that the hardest worked stream in New England is the Androscoggin and the facts and figures that they give to back up this statement are as interesting as they are as indisputable. There are nine or ten developed water powers along the river, and it appears that they furnish total power equal to 73,000 horses. The falls at Brunswick yield 7700 horsepower; at Lisbon Falls 1725, at Lewiston 12,600, at Livermore Falls 3000, at Otis Falls 5000, at Jay 3700, at Peterson's Rips 6000, at Rumford Falls 17,000 and at Berlin Falls 20,000.

Sofar as our own city is concerned there is no doubt that when our resources are fully developed, as they are rapidly being, the 20,000 horse-power that is now under control will be nearly if not quite doubled, making Berlin easily the peer of any city in New England in this direction and with a future in store for her that will exceed the hopes of the most sanguine.

It has been well said that there are riches in falling water equal to mines of coal or gold. It is natural wealth which costs but little to develop. The sun with its great heat suction pump hoists the water in the first place from the sea to the fresh water reservoirs in the hills, and straightway it runs back to the sea again. All man has to do is to regulate the flow and put turbine wheels in the way. The water does the rest and becomes a willing worker for man. And the revolution of the wheels means power, light, heat, paper, cloth, flour and the thousand and one products of our manufactories. This State is realizing as never before the value of her water powers, and it is possible that in these lies the solution of the heating problem; for scientific men believe that cheap electricity is going to take the place of coal, and our rivers are more and more proving cheap power for the cheap generation of electricity.—Berlin Independent.

Oxford Pomona Grange.

Oxford County Pomona will hold its February meeting at Bryant Pond on the first Tuesday. Program: Routine Business.

Music. Conferring 5th degree in full.

Woman's Half Hour.

Question: Is the modern newspaper a factor for good or evil? Opened by Mrs. J. L. Bowker.

Music. West Paris Grange.

Reading. Franklin Grange.

Reading. West Paris Grange.

Song. Franklin Grange.

Should agriculture be taught in the schools of Maine? Opened by G. W. Q. Perham.

Music. Franklin Grange.

J. A. ROBERTS, Sec.

Reminiscences of Neal Dow.

The Portland Evening Express will publish in its Saturday editions the Reminiscences of Neal Dow. These reminiscences, recollections of 80 years, were published by the Evening Express Publishing Company a few years ago in a volume of about 800 pages, and are now to be given to the public in the popular form of a serial in the columns of the Express.

There are 28 chapters of the reminiscences proper, with two supplementary chapters. These will be republished in installments in the Saturday editions of the Evening Express.

The first installment appeared Saturday, January 17.

"Do you know what this railroad cost per mile?"

"No! But I know what it cost per alderman."

Have You Noticed

That your eyes troubled you after reading or working for any length of time, or does the head or eyes ache? Why not have your eyes carefully tested and be sure whether you are injuring them or not? It will cost you nothing, and if you do not need glasses I will tell you so.

Edward King

BETHEL, MAINE.

36 Couch Bargains

Rolled into place as a result of our annual stock taking, now in progress. Do You Want One? Are you ready to fulfill that promise (to yourself) of long ago? If you'll think seriously you must decide that the time you've waited for is here. As we stated, there are just 36 Bargains.—Each is a pattern of upholstery or shape of frame that will not be run again, consequently, we put the price where there need be no argument, having only the one thing in mind, viz., to move out just three dozen of these couches quickly. There is a liberal showing of all desirable upholstery in the assortment,—practically all colors are seen, too.

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Solid Oak Frame Pantasote Couch, \$25.00
Another Pantasote Upholstered Couch, carved frame, and wide, \$31.00
Genuine Leather Upholstered Couch, deep tufted, a \$50.00 article for \$37.50

If you are interested, we ask you to please bear in mind there are not two or more of a kind, with the exception of the Mohair Plush, at \$13.50. If you order by mail, you get the benefit of our best judgment: When order comes, then if you are not suited,—RESHIP THE COUCH AND BACK GOES YOUR MONEY—we want to sell couches, and we want satisfied customers. This is as fair a way as we know of to assist out-of-town buyers to take advantage of the Couch benefit. Resident customers and all others who can, will of course call.

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Bowdoin Honors.

The following men were given provisional commencement appointments for obtaining a rank of A or B in three-fourths of their courses: Harris Clark Barrows, Augusta; Merrill Blanchard, Maynard, Mass.; Philip Greely Clifford, Portland; George Bourne Farnsworth, Bethel; John Alfred Harlow, Brewer; Wm. Morris Houghton, Brunswick; Sydney Bartels Larabee, Portland; Farnsworth Gross Marshall, Portland; Selden Osgood Martin, Foxcroft; Irving Wilson Nutter, Bangor; Henry Adams Peabody, Portland; Joseph R. Redlon, Gorham; Clement Franklin Robinson, Brunswick; Michael James Shaughnessy, Brockton, Mass.; Scott Clement Ward Simpson, Portland; George Hinkley Stover, Brunswick; Herbert Ellory Thompson, Sebago Lake; Leon Valentine Walker, Oxford.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Time Table in Effect Dec. 7, 1902.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

Island Pond, leave,	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Gorham,	4.00	8.20	3.00
Gilead,	...	8.38	3.38
West Bethel,	...	8.47	3.44
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53	3.50
Lockes Mills,	...	9.00	4.00
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.05	4.10
South Paris,	5.36	9.30	4.40
Lewiston,	6.40	10.30	5.30
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.15	6.15
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10	
Boston, via boat,	3.00

TRAINS GOING WEST.

Portland, leave,	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Lewiston,	8.15	1.30	7.00
South Paris,	9.00	2.30	7.50
Bryant Pond,	10.00	3.38	8.47
Lockes Mills,	10.28	4.10	9.18
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32	9.37
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42	9.46
Gilead,	11.05	4.54	9.58
Gorham,	11.38	5.40	10.25
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50	1.00
Montreal,	6.50	...	7.00
Toronto,	7.15	...	4.50
Chicago,	8.45	...	7.20

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M., East and 9.37 P. M. West, runs every day; all others every day except Sunday. Sunday paper train leaves Portland at 7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M., and at Berlin, 11.15 A. M. Returning leave Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel, 5.05 P. M.

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MASTER and SLAVE

By... T. H. THORPE

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CHAPTER IX.
QUILLEBERT ENTERTAINS.

It is in the nature of some men to maintain and defend the wrongs they do more obstinately and courageously than their rights and to stake more for the retaining of an unjust acquisition than a legitimate gain. There are those who would die rather than restore ill gotten wealth, yet would yield their honest earnings to avoid a threatened inconvenience. Such are they who restlessly cultivate calumny to the undoing of the victim and laugh at the truth which damns themselves.

Constant Quillebert was no weakling. There was no lack of vigor in his character. He was a strong mentality, his vision straight, though his courses were oblique or tortuous. Neither was he the passive creature of circumstances nor yet a mere form molded by environment. Such as he was he made himself by the exercise of volition, forcing his selective power into each trait of his character and every phase of his life. He could without strain of reason have been a pious churchman, but preferred to defy priestcraft, and from choice, not conviction, became a saucy infidel. Wife and children would have sobered and softened his progress to the grave had he willed, but domestic restraints were as distasteful as moral limitations, and hence he scoffed at matrimony. Nothing was less difficult or expensive than to become an American citizen, entitled to political rights and honors equally with his neighbors; but, weighing the inducements on either side of the proposition, he refrained from swearing fidelity to the constitutions and laws which protected him and his accumulations and remained the subject of a foreign potentate. His genius and accomplishments would have enabled him to achieve by approved industry and commendable methods a competency, even wealth, in the generous country where he dwelt, yet chicanery, commerce in the failings of his fellow men and freebooting excursions to the horizons of the law appealed to him more cogently, and, as said by Balduino, "his chief gains were notoriously from gambling and usury," and he was rated a rich man with a goodly store of gold. While it had been potentially his to be in the community an elder, giving judgment, he enjoyed eminence among the cavaliers against order. Shrewd, bold, unscrupulous, tireless, he was no mean foe whom Oakfell had called into the arena.

During the quadrennial period preceding the civil war no other word was



In the back room of Dede's cabaret.

so eloquent to stir popular wrath in Louisiana as the word "abolitionist." Its exposition came from a press and bustings which were at one upon the slavery question, and its definition was confined within the synonymous scope of "hypocrite," "assassin," "insurrectionist," "house burner," "negrophile." Its blight upon the name of a man was as subtle and sure as that of dishonor upon the fame of a woman. And the rancorous and intolerant, the quickest to respond in fury to the hated word, were the very poor whites inhabiting the infertile highlands, who never owned and seldom hired negro slaves. All sentiments have their extreme exponents, and it was not anomalous that the most inimical to the abolition movement should be those who apparently would be least damaged by its accomplishment.

The cunning wit of Quillebert was instant to see advantage in this condition of the popular mind. He had never pretended a legal right or title over Leon. He knew he had never purchased him. He had not forgotten the exception in the deed. He was conscious that his possession resulted from a shameful kidnapping, and his dominion had no other basis than might. He felt that, tried upon its merits of law and fact alone, the issue would be determined against him. Therefore other influences must be brought to bear upon the contest, and ready to his hand lay the anti-American prejudice and antiabolition passion. The thought of Oakfell triumphing over him stung as an ox lash. The barrenness and unworthiness of his cause stimulated him to exertions and inspired tactics which were revelations of endurance and ingenuity.

In as many nights he rode to Mansura, Le Colgne, Bordelon slough, Ile de Cote, Marksville, Bayou Blanc, Parren Haut, Coude d'Ouht, Bout de Bayou and Pointe Maigre and sounded the head man of each of these settlements. Laure Luneau was his embassador to the women of Coude du Francals. These were the colonies of his countrymen or their descendants, small planters of the nonslaveholding class, keepers of cabarets and roadside shops, blacksmiths, shoemakers, gardeners, charcoal burners, fishermen and hunters of the mallard and the papabote. The insinuation was dropped among them that the spit was a move on the part of the abolitionists and Oakfell was their agent, and close upon it followed the rumor, traceable to no source, that while at Baton Rouge he received numerous letters from Boston, Albany, Philadelphia and Oberlin.

The night of the Sunday preceding Christmas found Quillebert presiding at the baize covered table in the back room of Dede's cabaret at Mansura. There were no cards or chips on the cloth, but in their stead were dishes and a great bowl of steaming gumbo prepared by Dede's wife (he had no negroes) and glasses and pitchers of hot rum spiced by Dede himself. Around the board were Dr. De Roux, Aristides Portvie, Fulgence Jadot, Martin Brille, Alice Robelin, Homer Tibout, Norbert Cazebat and Tibource Pratjean. The last was a swarthy, big jawed, low browed man, short and broad shouldered, a lawyer who in the last election had been an unsuccessful candidate for the judgeship. His restless black eyes, small and set close together, hooked nose and twitching lips over an assertive chin revealed the spirit and faculties suited to further the purposes of Quillebert. The outer doors were locked and windows barred. Nine saddled horses stood under the long shed at the rear of the cabaret inclosure.

"Listen, Constant," said Pratjean. "In the court I shall say the plaintiff was born a slave; his master never emancipated him. Emancipation must be expressed; it cannot be inferred from conduct. Born a slave, never emancipated, whence got he the right to sue and stand in judgment? Answer me that! First, the question, Has he the right to sue? If you can answer yes to that, only then the second question, ownership vel non. If you must answer no, then, though M. Quillebert owns him not, the plaintiff is out of court and cannot be heard. No right, no suit; that's all."

"That's so!" came from his auditors in enthusiastic chorus. "Softly! Softly! Not so fast!" exclaimed Quillebert, thumping the table with his glass. "All that fine logic may do for the day of trial or it may not. The judge truckles to the Americans too much for my taste."

"He does," assented Pratjean. "Therefore," Quillebert continued, "we would be fools to run to him. Slow is the word. Delay, postpone, put off, tire them out, threaten the case, starve it, so that when it finally gets into court it must be carried on a litter. You can do that, eh, Tibource?"

"That is my forte," the lawyer answered, chuckling. "Meanwhile," Quillebert went on, "prove to your neighbors, your wives and daughters that this case means, Oakfell will not have courage to try it, or, if he does, the judge will not dare to decide in favor of the negro." Quillebert emphasized this forecast with a noisy blow from his fist upon the table.

"But, Constant," Dr. Roux inquired, "what about Leon in all this delay?" "I have considered that," Quillebert replied. "The rascal has gone, spirited away, of course, by Oakfell. I tracked him to the steamboat wood pile on the Atchafalaya near Simsport and will hunt for him no farther. If I win this case, I will sue Oakfell for \$20,000 damages for abducting my jockey and \$20,000 more for defaming me. I will teach him what it is to threaten a Frenchman with lynch law. And old Latolais shall weep a bucketful of tears for the meddling of his pearly granddaughter, for I hold \$6,000 of his notes."

"Aye, yi yi! Leonidas be hanged!" cried Dede, and the glasses clattered approval. "So you see there is a fine campaign, with spoils for you, Tibource," said Quillebert.

"And planned with the skill of a general," the lawyer declared, his mean little eyes sparkling, while his tongue caressed the jumping lips. "And now—" Quillebert produced notebook and pencil—"which of you has heard Leon admit he was my slave?"

"I at the race track," answered Jadot, Brille and Tibout.

"And I at the church," said Portvie. "And I—" Dede's utterance was thick with malice—"Right here with me."

"I at the race track," answered Jadot, Brille and Tibout.

If You Have Pain In Your Back

Do Not be Deceived. You Have Kidney Trouble, and You Do Not Need a Physician to Tell You So.

Let us give you a piece of advice: Pain in the back is an almost infallible sign of kidney disease; a surer sign is the condition of your urine. If you have a pain in the back then look to the condition of your urine. It is easily done. Take a glass tumbler and fill it with urine; after it has stood 24 hours if it has a sediment, if it is milky or cloudy, if it is pale or discolored, stringy or ropy, your kidneys and bladder are in a dangerous condition and need immediate attention, or the consequences may prove fatal.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the one medicine that really cures all diseases of the kidneys, liver, bladder and blood, rheumatism, dyspepsia and chronic constipation, and it will take you but a short trial to convince yourself of its wonderful curative power. G. F. Sammer of No. 409 Tioga street Syracuse, N. Y., in a recent letter says:

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"Never mind, Dede; you can be spared, but the rest of you will remember this when called as witnesses at court," he said to the others, writing in his notebook.

"We will, sure, sure, sure," they promised, and he returned the book to his pocket.

"Bon!" said Quillebert. "Fulgence, tell old grandpere to let you have that gun, and I will pay him for it next Thursday. Aristides, come to me tomorrow and sign a new note at one year. I'll give you the old one and not count the interest. Martin, you can come and drive those two sows home any time after tomorrow. Homer, tell Tatin to pay your taxes and bring the receipt to me, and I have a pretty silver cross for your little girl Felice. Fill your glasses, my friends. It is late, Dede, have you the fasks ready, as I wished?"

"Every one full, corked and in the hot ashes," Dede assured him pompously.

"Then"—Quillebert raised his glass—"I drink confusion to Americans and abolitionists and success to the sons of old Gascony."

"Down with the Americans! Victory to the Gascons!" cried every man, rising to his feet and emptying his glass. Dede brought forth the nine fasks of hot rum and distributed them among the company for sustenance on their ride in the chill night air, and, quietly mounting horses and ponies, this remarkable gathering dissolved. The last to leave were Quillebert and Pratjean. The latter said admiringly:

"You are a genius, Constant."

"No fool, at least, I hope," laughed the latter, disappearing into the darkness of the swamp road.

There were but two sessions of court each year for the trial of suits of a civil nature, and these were arranged to meet the agricultural convenience of the people, one in February in advance of planting, the other in September before the commencement of harvest. Hence the procrastination prescribed by Quillebert was no very difficult feat. Dilatory pleas put in by Pratjean served to toll the case over two terms, spanning a year. His professional engagement in the court of another parish and the sudden sickness of Portvie, an important witness for Quillebert, certified in writing by Dr. De Roux, sufficed to carry it over the second year without trial. Throughout this space the interest and activity of Quillebert's adherents never flagged. It was the theme of talk at every store, cabaret and steamboat landing in the highlands, at every Saturday night gumbo ball and Sunday mass. At sessions of the court and police jury the attending crowds discussed it with ever increasing heat and bitterness, the prosecution of Quillebert and menace to Caucasian superiority constituting the beginning, middle and end of each symposium. Inevitably it took on some what of a sectional character, the rich planters of the lowlands being the sympathizers of Oakfell and the critics of Quillebert.

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Mrs. Wm. F. Robinson, 206 West 41st St., N. Y. City, says:

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As the administration of President Buchanan approached its close rumors of abolitionist aggressiveness grew in frequency and proportion and so charged the public mind with combustible ideas that the simple mention of this lawsuit caused a number of small explosions in the form of fistfights within the courthouse yard, even "under the drippings from the eaves of the temple." To the women and children of the uplands, many of whom had never seen him, the name of Oakfell was as execrable as Judas Iscariot's. So acute had this unfriendly feeling grown that some of the conservative minded suggested to Oakfell the policy of withdrawing the suit. He firmly rejected the advice.

Throughout this turbulence of sentiment Evariste held calmly aloof. Whenever the subject was broached upon him he dismissed it with the remark that he was neither a lawyer nor a politician. His brother regarded this indifference as in harmony with his poetic temperament and was not displeased. Evariste became more seclusive in habit. He rode often and far into the solitudes of the swamps, where the deep shade accorded with his somber mood. Rivalry with Horace for the hand of Estelle he felt was hopeless while his sole expectancy of fortune was from his brother's grace, and his visits to the Latolais mansion were made at intervals of increasing length, degenerating into brief formalities, but he bitterly cursed his dependence and silently fed the flame of passion within his pent breast. Laure, brown and vital, surprising him now and again in his wanderings, lifted him from the deeps momentarily, yet he struggled to escape her and descend to his gloomy yearnings. Still, upon the progress of the public agitation he kept a steady and observant eye.

Estelle was dismayed at the consequences of her demand upon Oakfell, which she was made to realize by the dismal reports of her grandfather and the malediction of herself by the Quillebert faction. To her own impetuousness and presumption she charged this strife among neighbors and its unhappy possibilities. She wept and prayed for guidance and finally, sending for Oakfell, said to him:

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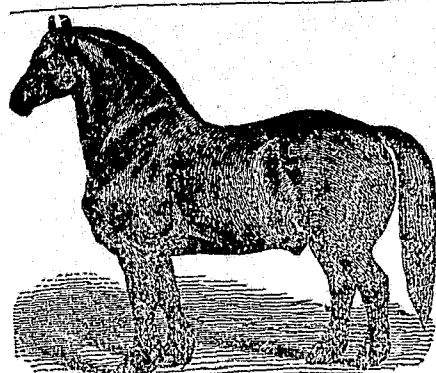
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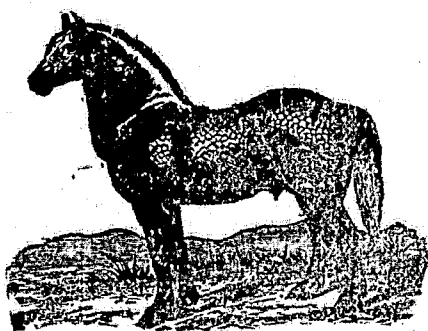
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THE HOME.

No action, whether foul or fair, is ever done but it leaves somewhere a record, written by fingers ghostly, As a blessing or a curse, and mostly In the greater weakness or greater strength Of the acts which follow it.

—Longfellow.

Simple Living and High Thinking.

For several years "Home Thoughts" has been a valuable department in the New York Evening Post. Saturday the writer met the criticism, "There is nothing new in 'Home Thoughts.'" We select the following paragraphs:

"The relations of men and women, the love and highest development of character which that love can produce, are as old as when the first man said to the first woman, 'Come, let us dwell together and make a home.' And, alas! the defects in the building, the destruction of the yet incomplete edifice, belong also to the very ancient history of our race. The only new element is the cry of warning that the buildings of today are on less stable foundations than those of generations passed; the sites less carefully chosen; the material less wisely selected; the buttresses less strong.

"We do not see men and women joining hands in order to live together in a unity which is fortified by dignified simplicity and strengthened by healthful moderation. To create an ideal of perfect domestic life, to infuse an intellectual aspiration into mutual endeavor; to live for God, their country, and each other is not, to say the least, a common ambition among our young people.

"The newer themes of 'excellent matches' and the necessity of large fortunes to a 'proper maintenance of a man's position,' the value of wealthy connections and the 'folly of marrying on small incomes,' were prolific enough. It was certainly—let me say it is certainly no longer a startling or surprising sensation to see a fair girl turn with an aching heart from the man she could love and serve with a glad spirit, because she must live after the princely manner of her social class and cannot think of life outside a palace. Day by day, hour by hour, one young man after another sets aside his dreams of married life, the hope of founding a home and creating a new center of love and light, and steadfastly avoids the intimate association with those who might win his heart, and makes of his club his poor substitute. It has seemed, therefore, well-nigh a novel theme to ring the changes upon the 'motive' which should indicate the presence of the true spirit of an American home: 'Simple living and high thinking.' Very faintly has its sweet, thrilling melody been heard of late, while too rapid growth, too great magnificence have made such a din and sounded such sonorous trumpets.

Do not the aspect of our huge hotels, our unending, towering apartment houses, our fantastic, too-much-adorned dwellings, bear out the reasonable fear that the old, old song, the sweet undertone which is the enriching music of the psalm of life, the cradle lullaby, sung by the mother to her babe, is no more that for which men and women listen? Truly, to hold up a timid hand and say, 'Hark! it is sweeter than the richest harmony of all the tuneful minstrelsy for which men pay their gold,' invites to no new creation of man's genius; yet it seems worth while to beg this instant's pause, as men and women through the doorway of childless places, sacred only to luxury and indolence.

"When one young mother commiserates another for having the now rare privilege of nursing her baby, because 'it will confine her so closely to her home,' it seems as if the light of maternity was so eclipsed that, though its radiance has shone since first a child's head was nestled on a mother's breast, it needs the eager efforts of those who believe in its illuminating glory to keep continually reminding the young that it was meant to outshine all the brightness of the world's artificial light.

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should be made known in the market-places where women of to-day struggle to be pre-eminent for splendor and influence, and either live with no child to call them mother, or, having children, treat them as only a part of their possessions to be properly housed and protected, is surely better than to join the great chorus of vendors, who call from every corner: 'Buy, enjoy, display, and keep your place on the stream which bears men away on its bosom.'

"In how many households is the cheerful sacrifice of the one for the good of all, the force of the bond of mutual concession as a means of family strength and happiness, a part of either the education and discipline of the children? At least as old as twenty centuries is the greatest example of what absolute sacrifice, even to the pouring out of the heart's blood, could do to exalt the world and bind men together for superhuman achievement; in miniature each father in his place, each woman in her station, is called to carry out the spirit which on Calvary triumphed in apparent defeat.

Value of Heat and Hot Water.

Almost all the common and simple ailments of human flesh will yield to the gentle and soothing influence of heat applied intelligently. Sometimes it is best dry, sometimes moist, but in all troubles it is not best to apply the heat directly to the seat of pain, but at the farthest extremity.

In the case of bruises, sprains or cuts, hold the injured member in hot running water at least half an hour or immersed in water as hot as can be borne, changing the water as soon as the heat is at all reduced. This will greatly allay the pain and help to remove inflammation and discoloration. After the hot water treatment is over bandage the sprain firmly with a cloth moistened in arnica and give an open cut or wound an appropriate antiseptic dressing.

Colic pains in children are relieved by the application of dry heat, which can be secured in several different ways. Some good old-fashioned ways are by warming flannel cloths in the oven, wrapping hot flatirons, bricks or blocks of stone or dry hardwood in flannel. One of the best ways is to fill a flannel bag with coarse salt and heat it in the oven. The rubber hot water bag is the modern method of securing dry heat. The bag should be only half-filled with hot water and the remaining air pressed out before inserting

the stopper. Just here a word of warning—don't become a slave to the hot water bag or any artificial heat for every trifling ache or pain or cold snap; it will only make you tender and sensitive and should only be resorted to in cases of actual need.

When the baby cries and draws up its legs with colic is one of the times to apply the dry heat over its abdomen. If this does not relieve it shortly, try it on the back also; this often produces a quieting effect at once.

A threatened attack of pneumonia or peritonitis may be checked by prompt applications of heat, accomplished by rest in a warm room and strict abstinence from solid food.

In severe headache a hot hand and foot bath is often beneficial and a hot foot bath with mustard will give certain check to a throbbing toothache. When afflicted with cold in the head so that breathing through the nose is impossible, wring a cloth out of very hot water and lay over the nose and eyes. This will open up the nasal passages and make breathing much easier.

In some cases of illness where there are headache, restlessness and cold feet the doctor may recommend a mustard foot bath. This may be given the patient in bed by turning up the bed coverings at the foot, bending the patient's knees up and placing the feet in a pail of water as hot as can be borne. Cover with the bed clothes and let the feet remain in the water (some 15 or 20 minutes, adding more hot water once or twice. It is desirable to promote perspiration, give the patient a hot drink during the foot bath and when it is over wrap the feet in hot flannel and keep the whole body well covered.

The value of steam, hot water throat bandages and mustard foot baths should be very well understood by all mothers of "croupy" children.

Thinks She's a Fraud.

"A girl who cannot make and bake bread, compound a pudding and wash and iron her own shirt-waists is a fraud upon young American womanhood," declared the Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones before a recent meeting of the National Housewives' association. "And you, mothers and housewives, are to blame for the common feeling of your daughters against kitchen service."

"This servant girl question is becoming more vital than trust, tariff, or anything else in the nation's category of unsettled things. It affects the home and family, the most sacred institutions in the land, and has much to do with the unhappiness of the nations. The idea that kitchen work is menial must be corrected and the lessons must begin at home in every home."

The speaker further expressed himself in favor of a large school of domestic science for girls to offset the manual training school for boys.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Copper kitchen utensils can be brightened by rubbing with salt and vinegar.

Remove soiled spots from carpets with warm water and a little ammonia in it. Apply with a clean cloth or sponge and wipe dry.

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To brighten carpets and remove the dust put two tablepoonsful of ammonia in a pail of warm water and wipe them all over with a large sponge wrung dry, or, better still, use a flannel mop kept for that purpose. This can be made of pieces of old white or gray flannel.

Every member of the family should use their own towel. There is great danger in using other people's towels, and this should be taught to children and practiced by them. Inflamed eyes, weak eyes, sore eyes, pimply faces and catarrh may all be communicated through using the same towels. Handkerchiefs used by those having colds and catarrh should be washed and boiled separate from other things.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

See Stahl Bros.' want ad on page 8.

There are only four men at the quarantined camp now, Dr. Sturdivant sending two more out last night.

Miss Ethel Lames who has been spending a month at her home in Bethel returned to Massachusetts last Friday.

Miss Annie Turner, having completed the trimming season with Miss Burham, has returned to her home in New Vineyard.

Thermometers registered 10 degrees below zero at 6:30 a. m., Monday morning, and at the same hour on Tuesday morning, 20° below.

Mr. Carl Swenson left Monday for Boston, where he will attend Bryant & Stratton Business College. He has many friends in this place who wish him much success.

STATE NEWS.

And now Brunswick has been offered a library by Carnegie.

Small pox seems to be on the increase in northern Aroostook, especially in the logging camps. A few cases are reported at Presque Isle.

Governor and Mrs. Hill are to tender a reception at their residence January 29, to the members of the legislature, heads of the State departments and the members of the Maine Press Association which will then be in session in the city. Governor Hill has been a member of the association for many years.

The increased attendance in the Rumford Falls school has necessitated the opening of another schoolroom. The school board has secured the building that the Baptists formerly occupied as a chapel, and will convert it into a schoolroom.

At present there are six cases of smallpox at Shiloh, another case breaking out last Wednesday. All of the patients are confined in the cottage of Mr. Higgins and the entire hill is under quarantine. Mr. Sanford is at the Temple and has not left Shiloh as some people have supposed.

Ex-Governor Sidney Perham of Maine, who passes his winters in Washington, continues hale and hearty, notwithstanding his advanced years for he is now past 80. The governor takes a lively interest in political affairs and he goes about much to places where public men congregate. If anything, he has grown a little older in appearance during the past year, but he is almost as vigorous physically as ever. He had not been out much around Washington till the recent cold snap came, when the streets were icy and the weather sufficiently severe to keep most people indoors. Then the aged ex-governor was in his element and he has been outside a great deal during the last week. He knows about all the Maine people in Washington, of whom there are a large number, and in all he takes a kindly, almost a fatherly interest. He has been for many years a very constant attendant on the meetings of the Sons and Daughters of Maine, so that it has come to seem as though something were lacking if the governor is not present at those gatherings.

There was a \$25,000 fire in a three-story brick block on Front St., Bath, Sunday night. Fred C. Scribner, clothing, was the heaviest loser.

Treasurer J. R. Gould of the Augusta City Hospital, has received a check for \$250 from the Edwards Mfg. Co., for the maintenance of a free bed during the year 1903.

During the past year the Congregational parish of South Paris, has collected and disbursed for church services, \$1700, the largest amount in a year in the history of the church.

Brig. Gen. J. C. Breckenridge, inspector general of the United States army, was in Portland, Friday, on official business with the engineers' office.

The farm on Greenwood Hill in Hebron, formerly owned by E. M. Greenwood, has been purchased by the State. Early in the spring, it is announced, will be begun the erection of a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Howard M. Frank, 28 years old, and unmarried, committed suicide Thursday night by taking morphine. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Frank, whose home is at 88 Ridgeland avenue on Brown's hill, Pleasantdale.

It is stated that Mayor Gooch of Biddeford is to send to Montreal for a small pox expert, he not being satisfied with Dr. A. G. Young's diagnosis, the secretary of the State Board of Health having declared all the cases under detention to be small pox. Some of the citizens contend that the patients are afflicted with what Canadians call "hog itch."

Two little pamphlets from the pen of Dr. F. N. Whittier, professor of bacteriology and pathological histology at Bowdoin College, have just appeared and are having a wide circulation. One is on "Culture Methods in Diphtheria," and is of special interest to the medical profession. The other is on "State Laboratories in New England" and is less technical in treatment, being at this time of much interest to the legislators and the general public as well as to our physicians and health officers. It shows the great work in the detection and prevention of disease accomplished by the State laboratories of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, and the pressing need of such an institution in Maine.

Two Children Spend Two of the Coldest Nights of the Winter in a Barn at Norway.

A boy aged 13 and a girl aged 10, children of John McKay of Norway, were found Monday morning in a barn with both feet frozen. The children left home Saturday afternoon, and as they have been in the habit of staying at the neighbors no search was made for them when they did not return at night. They spent the nights in the barn of Charles Pride, cuddled in the hay.

Mr. Pride keeps young stock in the barn, and only visits it once a day. Sunday morning he went to the barn, cared for his stock and returned home after locking the barn door.

A little later, when the children awoke the boy complained of feeling ill, and his sister started to get help but found they were locked in.

When they were found Monday morning, both were nearly frozen to death. The boy was in the worst condition. The little fellow's shoes and stockings had been wet and were frozen stiff to his feet. The girl had been wiser. She had taken off her wet shoes and stockings and rubbed her tingling feet, tucking them under her skirts.

As soon as their terrible plight was discovered, the children were taken to their home as quickly as possible and two physicians summoned. Their condition now is reported as very encouraging.

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AN ALASKAN LANDSLIDE.

Rather Leisurely, but Ends Up Groves and Fills River Beds.

All the morning as we chopped spongy cottonwood, blew out our lungs over the fire and slipped water from the blankets a dull roar which we thought the river swelled by the rain was growing louder, louder. I said, "I guess a moraine choked pond on the glacier has broken through," and just then Jack stepped out from under the soaked tarpaulin.

"Look at that, Bobbie, look at that!" I heard him shouting. Outside he was pointing across the stream. A landslide was roaring down a gully from the very top of the Rainbow hills. It was a stupendous sight. We looked at it silently and then said, both at once, "I thought an avalanche was sudden." This thing wiggled like a huge snake down a sheer 3,000 feet of rock. The roar seemed forever to increase. Dust or smoke trailed from this thing, and enormous boulders skipped solemnly from side to side of its path like pebbles. Water mingled with it, and when it reached the terrace it was a black stream, viscous and heavy.

Jack bet it wouldn't cross the half mile of flat to the river, but in a moment we saw boulders shooting out over the terrace and aspen groves fall as if laid with a scythe. A cancerous fan ate out to the bank and gravelly sloped over like lumpy paint, cutting deep channels down to the river.—Outing.

A Place For His Boy.

Sol Smith Russell, who saw humor in many commonplace happenings, used frequently to tell of meeting an old farmer at a railway station in a small New York town whose philosophy was particularly pat, even though his deductions were hardly complimentary to the actor, says the Chicago Tribune. Russell and his companion were awaiting the train when the old gentleman walked up, eyed the star a minute or two and asked:

"Be you the feller that cut up capers at Parker's hall last night?"

"My company and I gave a performance there last evening, yes," replied Russell politely.

"I thought so. I was there, and I had to laugh sometimes. I wanted to tell you about my boy. He's just your way—ain't no good for work. Won't stick to anything, but wants to play clown and crack jokes all the time. He's got a job at the hub factory, but all he does is to keep the men a-laughin' when they order be workin'. You order take him 'long with your troupe, for he's the derndest fool I ever seen!"

London Theaters of Long Ago.

A writer in London Truth says that in the early part of the eighteenth century the London theaters opened at 6 o'clock, and as it was therefore difficult for players to arrive punctually and obtain seats many of them sent footmen or hired men from the streets to secure places for them. These sat in the seats until those who had sent them came, and the custom prevailed until 1766, when the system now in force was adopted. "A footman used to be sent early to take places and keep them by the simple but effectual plan of sitting on them till his masters and mistresses arrived. Such a practice would now be considered an intolerable nuisance, but people in those days were much less particular, and appear to have thought nothing of sitting for an act or two cheek by jowl with a funny or, worse, with a vagabond picked up in the street." An allusion to the custom occurs in Fielding's "Miss Lucy in Town," act 1, scene 2, and Pepys in his "Diary" occasionally mentions having hired a boy in the streets to occupy a seat for him.

Japan Once Joined to China.

Japan consists of a group of "tectonic islands," forming a long curve, with its concavity toward the mainland, and many of their peculiarities are due to their upheaval by subterranean forces, of which they are still one of the most active seats. They were undoubtedly connected with China and with the land to the north of this at no very remote period, geologically speaking, and therefore, like Great Britain and Ireland, are scientifically classified as "recent continental islands." The proofs of this are twofold—first, they are connected with Asia by a submarine bank less than a hundred fathoms beneath the surface, and this is believed to be, as in all such cases, a submerged land tract; second, the animals of Japan are closely similar to those of China, the only plausible explanation of this being that formerly there was a land connection.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

James Sullivan Russell, aged 96, Lowell's oldest resident, died there last week. He was a teacher in the Lowell high school for 43 years.

Coal prices were reduced in New York Saturday from \$10.50 and \$11 per ton to \$9 and \$9.50. It is expected that the price will drop to \$8 soon.

By the explosion of a digester in the sulphite mill of the Dexter Paper Company at Dexter, N. Y., George Hunt was killed and \$75,000 damage done.

In New Jersey last week, they hanged a 17-year-old boy for the murder of two of his little playmates. This comes pretty close to the minimum age limit for hanging.

Jacob K. Upton, chief clerk of the United States life saving service, died suddenly at Washington recently. He was 65 years of age and leaves a widow and three daughters.

Burglars in ransacking the residence of Mrs. Adelaide Anderson of Minneapolis, Minn., carried off 400 pounds of anthracite coal in sacks. They did not touch the jewelry and plate.

The Crown Princess of Saxony and M. Giron, with whom she eloped, have arrived in Mentone, France, and intend to stay two months. They have taken the name of Mr. Mme. Andre Gerard.

J. H. Herman, manager and match maker for the Fort Erie Athletic Club at Buffalo, has announced that he will offer a purse of \$25,000 for a twenty round boxing contest between Jeffries and Corbett.

A dispatch from San Juan, P. R., Jan. 17 says: Five men were killed and four others were wounded, two of them probably fatally by the explosion of a powder charge in an eight-inch gun in a turret on board the United States battleship yesterday morning while at target practise off Culebra.

While about 2000 people were skating on the bathing basin near the Washington monument, Washington, D. C., last Wednesday evening, the ice suddenly gave way and precipitated twenty or more persons in the water. At least three persons are known to have lost their lives.

James P. Elkhart, a real estate agent at Dover, N. J., and manager of Baker's opera house, and Mrs. Minnie Hill, wife of Oliver M. Hill, a brakeman on the Lackawanna railroad, were found dead in a room at Mrs. Hill's home early Saturday. As Elkhart held a revolver he is supposed to have committed the deed.

For the first time in many years the Thames, England, is frozen over. At Marlow the ice is nearly an inch thick. Drift ice has formed in solid packs on the river at Windsor and Richmond. Intensely cold weather prevails, which has largely increased the number of the unemployed, as much outdoor work has been suspended.

A tremendously rich strike, the magnitude of which has never been equalled since Bob Henderson told his wonderful story of the Klondike, has been made, eighteen miles north of a point on Tanana river, 300 miles from its source. The district is in American territory. Circle City has been depopulated and a wild stampede of prospectors from all the surrounding country is in progress.

American line steamer St. Louis arrived at New York Saturday, the cause of her delay being leaky boilers. On Jan. 10, when the saloon passengers learned of the exact condition of the steamer's boilers and engines, they held an indignation meeting in the smoking room and adopted resolutions censuring the International Navigation Company for sending the St. Louis to sea in her dangerous condition.

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Ready-to-wear Hats, 75c and \$1.00

Outing Hats, 37c, 50c, and 75c

If in need of a hat, come early, as they will soon be gone, at these very low prices.

L. M. STEARNS,
MAIN ST., BETHEL, ME.

The project for the erection of a big building for the housing under one roof of all its municipal departments is to be carried out, says a New York dispatch. Comptroller Groot estimates the cost at \$8,000,000.

Christie Bayer, newly elected county clerk who disappeared from Circleville, Ohio, several weeks since, was found to be short in his accounts with the loan and building association of which he was secretary, the amount missing being placed at \$114,000.

Freezing people in Chelsea, Mass., raided a coal train on the Boston & Albany road and a number of tons were stolen. The trainmen did the best they could to protect the property, but when they would reach one car where the looting was going on, the coal pickers would run to another and dump off a lot more coal. So they notified the police. One man was arrested and charged with larceny of two bags of coal.

The most powerful gun ever built in America, a huge 16-inch coast defense rifle, was successfully tested at the government proving ground, Sandy Hook, Saturday. The gun cost \$100,000. It was said at the tests that the gun undoubtedly would be mounted at Sandy Hook. Gen. Crozier said that while its range at its highest elevation was about 20 miles, it would be used to hit objects only at a distance of four or five miles.

The End of the World.
Dr. M. W. Meyer, a German scientist, in an interesting volume under the above title explains a "new theory" as to how this event will probably come about. Indeed he carries his argument still further and finally extinguishes all the energy of the universe. All of the present satellites—moons, etc.—will eventually be drawn in by the force of gravitation and become a part of their planets. These in turn will be absorbed by the sun. A series of collisions will then commence between the various suns which will finally result in one enormous sun and solar system. "And so growing in grandeur, but diminishing in number, the final catastrophe will come when there are no more suns to produce collisions (and heat) and one huge body cooled to the zero of space, void of available energy, will mark the final outcome of cosmic motion."

Skylark's Journeys.

The English skylark has inspired several of the most beautiful poems in our language, and its migrations are of a character which, it would seem, might appeal to English poets only less effectively than its song does. In violation of the general rule that birds move southward in the autumn, immense numbers of skylarks which have summered in central Europe arrive in England in September and October to pass the winter in the British Isles. In October entirely distinct immigration of skylarks enters Great Britain from Scandinavia, while all through the autumn British bred skylarks emigrate southward, many of them going to the continent for the winter. Yet others remain in England all the year round.

Cotton and Flax.

Cotton was used for making garments in India at a date so remote that it cannot even be guessed at. The fact is mentioned by Aristotle. The first seeds were brought to this country in 1621. In 1636 the culture is mentioned in the records of South Carolina. In 1736 the culture was general along the eastern coast of Maryland, and in 1776 we heard of it as far north as Cape May. The use of flax for making clothing is nearly as ancient as that of cotton and perhaps more so, plants of soft and flexible fiber having been without doubt among the first vegetable productions of the ancient world and their practical value discovered soon after the invention of weaving.

Wind Shots.

Two striking instances of the effects of "wind shots," or the currents of air caused by the enemy's cannon balls, are given in the "Autobiography of Sir Henry Smith." On one occasion his horse fell as if stone dead, but he was not hurt at all. On another occasion an officer was "knocked down by the wind of a shot and his face as black as if he had been two hours in a pugilistic ring."

Assurance Pays.

Sitphen—Dr. Skillings gets \$5 for every consultation. That's what comes to a man who thoroughly learns his profession.

Wilder—And Dr. Kwacker gets \$10. That's what comes of cultivating a sublimed cheek.—Boston Transcript.

Natural.

Mrs. Hatterston—The ladies of the parish got up a baby show for the benefit of the hospital.

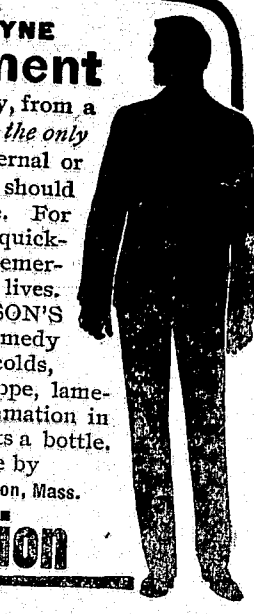
Mrs. Chatterston—Was it a success?

"Oh, a howling success!"—Smart Set.

Why He Grieves.

"She may have a temper, but she is interesting. Did she ever get over the death of her first husband?"

"Yes; but her second husband is inconsolable."—Portsmouth News.



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WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

Drifting snows, cold winds and bad roads.

The winter schools are closing and frost will take possession of the school houses.

G. B. Mills reports seeing robins near his home last week, but we do not think they are now living in Bethel.

Miss Vivian Rollins of Bethel Hill, is working in the hotel in this village, but will soon return to her home.

Mrs. Everett Dresser and two sons of East Burke, Vt., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tyler.

Addison S. Bean had a cancer cut from his hand, last week, by Dr. J. A. Twaddle of Bethel Hill.

E. P. Philbrook has employment in the mill of Merrill, Springer & Co., and lives at A. S. Bean's.

Miss Ethel L. Allen visited friends on Bethel Hill last week, returning home Saturday.

Mrs. Addie Lapham and two youngest children of Bethel Hill, are visiting her mother and sister.

Mrs. J. S. Mason has gone to Portland to spend the remainder of the winter with a married daughter who resides there.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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BERLIN, N. H.

Harry Jackson went to Portland Monday, for a short visit with relatives, after which he goes to Concord, where he has secured a position with the Rumford Press.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Howard, life long residents of Berlin, leave this week for Brockton, Mass., where they will spend the winter, hoping thereby to benefit Mrs. Howard's health which has not been good of late.

Mrs. A. C. Chapman was in the city last week. She went to Gorham, where she will pack up her household goods preparatory to moving them to Island Pond, where her husband is yardmaster for the Grand Trunk.

C. J. Connors was in Boston a couple of days the past week on a business trip.

L. J. Cote was in Maine last week looking after his interests in Lewiston and vicinity.

John Hayes lost a thumb from contact with the machinery in the International Paper Co.'s mill Saturday.

Miss Nellie Larkin of Littleton, employed in the O. L. Hind's factory, returned to her home Saturday to care for a sick brother.

Misses Chrissie and Ada Evans and Maude Farris of Gorham are clerking for the Berlin Dry Goods Co. during their January sale.

L. L. Jacobs is preparing to go to Hot Springs, Ark., hoping thereby to get rid of an attack of rheumatism that has lasted several months.

A most enjoyable banquet was tendered the choir of St. Kieran's church last Thursday at the new Mount Madison hotel in Gorham by Rev. E. D. Mackey, whose generosity and kindness will long be remembered.

Several sleighs have been overturned on Main street during the past few days, owing to the rails of the car track being sunk so far below the surface of the snow and ice. Every effort, however, has been made to clear the snow from the sides of the track, two two-horse scrapers being constantly employed for several days.

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SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

Miss Sue Wheeler went to Portland, Saturday.

Addie Giles has accepted a position as type-setter in the Democrat office.

Mrs. Virgie is taking vocal lessons of Mrs. Florence Knight Palmer of Portland.

Miss Ruth Tucker, daughter of James Tucker, is visiting in New Haven.

The Good Cheer Society gave a supper in the G. A. R. Hall, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Lydia Rounds is spending the remainder of the term in Turner with her daughter, Sue Rounds, who is an instructor in Leavitt Institute.

The new firm of Hobbs & Hussey are to open a meat market at once in Maxim Block, in the store formerly occupied by L. B. Andrews.

The vital statistics in the town of Paris for 1902 are, births 56, deaths 64, and marriages 23.

The Senior class of the Paris High school will present the drama, "Mess Mates" in about three weeks.

The shop of Burnham & Merrill are to begin immediately on the manufacture of cans for the coming season. It is expected that 500,000 cans will be made.

Mrs. Bertha Harlow visited her father in Lewiston, Saturday.

Thomas Barnes and wife and daughter Helen, visited in Portland, Friday.

Wm. Blake, Jr., of Auburn, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Leslie L. Mason of Portland and a business associate have arranged the rear end of A. E. Shurtleff's grist mill, formerly used as a match factory by L. P. Hawkins of Portland, and later as an excelsior factory. The new firm is the Mason Mfg. Co., makers of wooden toys and novelties. At the start the factory will probably employ from ten to fifteen men and girls. The work of taking out the excelsior machinery and preparing for the new machines will begin soon.

The annual meeting of Citizens Telephone and Telegraph Co., was held at Assessor's office Thursday evening. The officers elected were as follows:

President—R. L. Cummings.
Vice President—Frank A. Shurtleff.
Clerk—J. G. Littlefield.
Treasurer—Clayton H. Brooks.
Directors—W. N. Thomas, J. F. Plummer, Frank Shurtleff, Alfred Jackson, O. K. Clifford, Wm. Caldwell.
The company has twenty miles of wire, one line from here to East Oxford, then to Hebron. Another line reaches over Brett Hill and through the King neighborhood to Paris Hill. There are ten instruments in the place. The So. Paris exchange at J. F. Plummer's store, organized solely for the purpose of conducting business at small cost as possible and give telephone connection to its members.

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UPTON.

Our new State Missionary, Mr. Hague held services here Jan. 11, and spent the most of the week calling on the families in town. He is in Magalloway this week and expects to be here again the 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Tuck of Otisfield, held meetings here last Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mr. Bert Lombard has moved his family into the unoccupied half of Mr. Mollen Lombard's house.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifier, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

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It prevents biliousness, dyspepsia, constipation, kidney complaint, rheumatism, catarrh, nervousness, weakness, faintness, pimples, blotches, and all cutaneous eruptions.

It perfects all the vital processes.

W. P. Keeton, Woodstock, Ala., took Hood's Sarsaparilla to make his blood pure. He writes that he had not felt well but tired for some time. Before he had finished the first bottle of this medicine he felt better and when he had taken the second was like another man—free from that tired feeling and able to do his work.

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Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Accept no substitute, but get Hood's today.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Herbert Bean has been doing some papering and whitening for Mrs. Geo. Grover.

Newton Moore is on the sick list.

The Circle was well attended, and a fine program was carried out. Cecil and Hazel Kimball gave some enjoyable selections on the violin and organ. Some of the little tots distinguished themselves by speaking pieces.

Carter Grover is again threatened with a return of the trouble in his throat.

W. E. Cummings' little girl is sick, but not dangerously.

Mrs. Carrie Cole is thought to be improving, although she is still confined to her room. She entertained the Club Friday, which was cheering all round.

Mrs. Bruce has had a sick spell.

Mrs. C. G. Beckler and Maud Beckler called on Mrs. A. E. K. Grover recently.

The doctor was called to see a member of George Cummings' family recently.

Maud Beckler finished her seventh season as table girl at Kineo the 18th of last November, and after visiting her brother at Milo and her sister at Milton, is now at her old home for awhile.

Mrs. Elsie Kimball visited her sister, Miss Maud Beckler, recently.

Lilla Cummings is visiting her sister at North Bethel.

Henry Rugg has seven boarders at W. R. Rice's house which he occupies this winter.

Blown Into Atoms.

An explosion of dynamite occurred in Berlin, N. H., last Wednesday with disastrous effects. One man, an Italian, whose name is not known, was instantly killed, being blown to atoms. The accident happened about eight o'clock in the morning at the works of Ward Bros. who are building the big paper and pulp mills at Cascade Falls, just below the southern limits of the city.

As near as can be learned the Italian who was killed, attempted to thaw out a quantity of rock to be used in blasting. He went into the magazine to accomplish his purpose. One of the sticks caught fire and he pulled it from the fire and threw it into a barrel which contained powder. This exploded and caused the other combustibles to explode with terrific force. The concussion threw many of the men and horses from their feet. The jar was felt at Gorham five miles distant.

In the city proper which is over a mile from the scene of the accident, glass was shattered in many places including plate glass windows in Stahl Bros' block.

Equal to the Emergency.
"What would you do if you had three possums?"
"Pray ter de Lawd fer a appetite fer all!"

Up Against It.
Poor cook we've got just now, for she can't cook to save her life. I'd like to fire her; but, gee! I can't, for she's my wife!
—Brooklyn Life.

Where They Differ.
"Clothes don't make the man?"
"True, and that's where man and woman differ."
—Chicago Post.

Just Took It.
"I think I've earned a kiss," he said; "the lights burned low, the hour was late. She whispered with averted head, 'Tis not worth while to arbitrate.'"
—Judge.

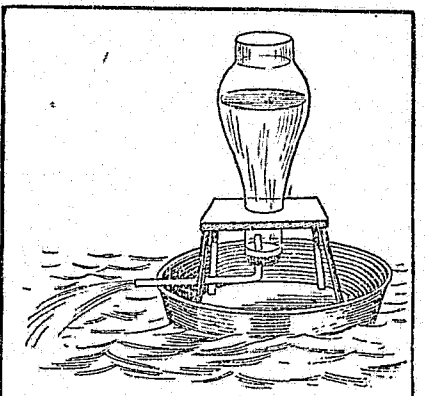
Acquired by Marriage.
"He has a will of his own, they say."
"Yes. It came to him with his wife."
—Chicago Post.



AN ODD BOAT.

One That Is Driven by Water as Well as Through Water.

Of course any boat, unless it happens to be an iceboat, a stoneboat or a gravel boat, may be called a water boat, but I am speaking of a boat driven by water as well as through water. Its principal parts are a tin pan and a tall lamp chimney. Close the small end of the chimney with a cork, into which a rubber, bent glass or lead tube is tightly fitted; prop the chimney up in the pan with the small tube projecting over the rim, fill the chimney with water and set the chimney craft afloat. It will move with the ease and grace of a turtle, though not so fast, until all the water has run out. You can produce a better imitation of speed by using instead of the pan a little wood-



THE WATER BOAT AFLOAT.

en boat of more shipshape model, with the water tube projecting over the stern, but unless the vessel is very broad of beam it will capsize.

In fact, the boat is made not to go fast, but to illustrate a principle by going at all, and another example of the same principle is given by the water mill now to be described.

The mill is made of the same lamp chimney or another, with corks or plugs in both ends. Instead of one water tube it has two, three, four or more, going out like the spokes of a wheel and bent at the end, all in the same direction. The chimney is set upright between two pivots, which press against the upper and lower plugs, and is filled with water through a hole in the upper plug, which also serves to admit air when the mill is turning.

The only use of the top plug, in fact, is to give a point of support, and the vessel must be open to the air at the top. As the water flows out through the little tubes the mill turns in the opposite direction, and if there is not too much friction at the pivots it will soon be spinning rapidly. The water boat and the water mill are examples of what are called reaction machines. The principle they illustrate is that, generally speaking, you cannot move anything without moving something else in the opposite direction. In both of these cases as the water is forced out in the direction of the water tube the boat or the part of the mill from which it flows is driven in the opposite direction. The recoil or "kick" of a gun is another illustration. At the instant of firing the gun moves backward, if it can, but if you are holding it against your shoulder you feel the reaction as a "kick," and if the gun is heavily loaded you may move backward with great promptness.

A vessel might be propelled by firing heavy cannon from the stern.

Cannot Find His Nose.
If you want to amuse a party of friends, ask one of them to catch hold of his nose with his right hand and of his right ear with his left hand. After he has done so, tell him to place each hand as quickly as possible in a reverse position—that is, he must catch hold of his nose with his left hand and at the same time grasp his left ear with his right hand.

Tell him to repeat this operation several times, and the more often he does it the more amusement he will furnish for the company, since he will find it ever more and more difficult to grasp his nose and ear and will spend considerable time searching for them in places where they cannot possibly be.

Two Marble Trick.
Place an ordinary marble in the palm of your left hand. Cross the first and middle fingers of the right hand (the middle over the first), so that you can feel the marble in the cross so made—that is, with the right hand side of the middle finger and the left hand side of the first finger touching the marble at the same time. Do not look at the marble while doing the trick. You will be astonished when you distinctly feel not one but two marbles. Practice a little while, and you can have lots of fun among your friends and with some of the older ones too.

Sleepers.
A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that in which the sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that upon which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps. Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper, the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper, under the sleeper.

Grandma's Glasses.
When grandma puts her glasses on and looks at me—just so—
If I have done a naughty thing
She's sure, somehow, to know.
How is it she can always tell
So very, very, very well?

If I should put the glasses on
And look in grandma's eyes,
Do you suppose that I should be
So very, very wise?
Now, what if I should find it true
That grandma had been naughty too?

We Hear Much of the Coal and Wood Question

And it is indeed a perplexing problem at the present time, but the readers of these columns may be assured that this much discussed problem may be very much simplified by using

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UPTON.

Mrs. Jane Sanborn is again quite sick.

Mrs. Mary Sargent went to Mexico recently.

Mr. J. E. Brooks is logging in Grafton on the Charles Davis place.

Fayette Brooks is scaling logs at Bemis.

Mrs. Werton Sargent is teaching a private school at her home.

Rev. W. B. Hague of South Bridgton held services at the church here last Sunday.

Mr. John Burke who has been at home from Portland hospital for a few weeks, returned to Portland last week. It is feared that he will have to submit to a second operation. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Burke who has always been a very thrifty and industrious townsman.

Mr. Wm. F. Sweatt is getting up wood for John Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. Juddins visited Mr. and Mrs. Aldana Brooks at Metelluc Island one day recently.

A. W. Juddins is hauling wood for James Bernier.

Mrs. Frank Whitney is suffering severely with a felon.

Dollie Bartlett who is spending the winter with her brother Will, is quite ill with rheumatic fever.

Mr. Philip West has bought a portable steam-engine and turning lathe of Frank Monroe. Mr. West intends to turn out cant-dog handles.

As Mr. Peaslee was to go away, a change in Grange officers was necessary. The following officers were elected for the new year:

Master—J. Orne Douglass.
Overseer—F. W. Bragg.
Ceres—Mrs. Lettie Chase.
Pomona—Marilda A. Morse.

Mr. A. W. Juddins represented this place at the State Grange in Portland.

Norton Ferren of Errol, N. H., was at the last regular Grange meeting and assisted at the installation of officers. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler show a great deal of energy in coming from Grafton to attend the Grange meeting.

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NEWRY.

M. L. Thurston was home over Sunday.

The box supper at R. W. Kilgore's hall was a success.

Mr. John Allen and family have gone over to Sunday River for the winter.

Mrs. Pearl Small has been visiting at Mrs. Thurston's for a few days.

Walter Foster was in Boston for a few days last week.

Ell F. Stearns was in town last week.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

GILEAD.

Wesley Poole of Shelburne, N. H., was in town on his way to Bethel, recently.

The Berlin agent of the Grand Union Tea Company was in town last week.

Dan H. McDonald returned from a visit to his home on Saturday, the 10th.

Joseph Lary who was taken ill at the home of his daughter in West Bethel, was able to reach his home in our village the 10th. May he soon regain his health.

Miss Mamie E. White was in town recently and spent Sunday with Mrs. D. C. Lary and family. Miss White left for her home the following day, from which she has been absent nearly six months, all of which time, with the exception of six weeks, having been engaged in teaching.

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ASSORTED LAUGHTER.

The Kind That Is Good and the Brands That Are Bad.

Is laughter a good thing—the laughter which is directed to something "which fails to comply with a social requirement," which is compelled by the sight of incongruity or by sudden surprise? All laughter, at all events, is not good. The giggle and the titter are laughter debased. People who trifle with laughter, wrote Carlyle, "only sniff and titter and snigger from the throat outward, or at best produce some whiffling, husky cackling, as if they were laughing through wool." But though the snigger is detestable, you can still have too much of hearty laughter, of the roar of Teufelsdröckh. It is only the unrestrained or the irresponsible man who laughs tempestuously often; and, indeed, as a man grows older and gets a wider view of the world he laughs, no doubt, less loudly. Professor Sully thinks that as a nation we have lost some of the mirth of our forefathers. If by that he means the noisier, self abandoned mirth of 200 years ago, it is not perhaps to be regretted. It is true that hearty laughter is often an index to an honest soul. Carlyle was probably right when he said that "no man who has once heartily and wholly laughed can be altogether bad." But there is a better laugh than Teufelsdröckh's, and that is the deep found chuckle of kindness and experience together. Perhaps we laugh more wisely, even if more rarely, than our forefathers.—London Spectator.

The Black Bottle.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson, the great temperance advocate, once met a laborer walking along the road with the old familiar black bottle protruding from his pocket.

"Empty that cursed stuff away," said Sir Wilfrid vehemently, pointing to the bottle. "Drink something better than that poison."

The man was so overcome that he took out the receptacle and emptied the liquor into the road.

Sir Wilfrid's face beamed with pleasure, and, handing the man a shilling, he said: "Take that, my good fellow. It will buy you something better."

The man, to the intense disgust of Sir Wilfrid, immediately entered a public house and spent the shilling in beer. On coming out Sir Wilfrid accosted the laborer and asked why he had spent the money for beer.

"Faith, your honor, 'twas that I thought you wanted me to drink, for the bottle of poison I was after throwing away was cold tay!"

Not in His Line.

"What is his status in this community, if I may ask?"

"He ain't got none that I ever heard on. He run a grocery for awhile down to the Corners, but if he ever had any status there 'twas't kep' out in sight where anybody could see it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Dislocated Her Shoulder.

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her ungodly pain and she slept which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others.

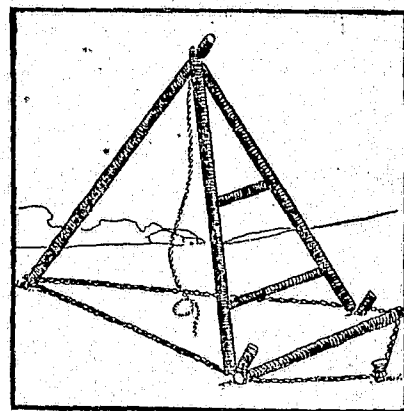
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An easily constructed derrick is shown in the cut from Ohio Farmer. This kind of arrangement will be most useful in butchering, for suspending a hog for scalding or raising a beef to be dressed, and will come in handy for other purposes, as raising a bulky object a short distance when loading on a sled. Three good strong poles about fourteen feet long will do for the der-



A HANDY DERRICK.

rick legs, or three pieces of heavy dimension stuff may be used if more convenient. Borel off the tops of two of the poles on one side and flatten the top of the third. Bore a hole through the tops of all three poles. Set the poles up tripod fashion and fasten at the top by a bolt. The poles should not be bolted too tight, but just so as to allow the foot of the middle pole to be moved in or out from the ground center. Connect the other two poles by a couple of iron rods or wooden cross-pieces. The rods may be fitted in holes in the legs or the crosspieces attached with bolts, but in either case they should be adjustable or be attached not permanently, but to admit of being moved to adjust the pitch of the legs. The two legs thus braced rest against stakes driven in the ground, and the third leg brought toward them at the foot raises the top of the derrick. The force that the derrick will exert on a lifting rope or chain attached to its apex is increased as the movable leg is brought nearer perpendicular. The illustration shows how a rope, spreader and singletree may be used with a horse for operating the derrick. When the derrick is not in use, the rods or crosspieces may be removed, the top bolt loosened and the legs swung together, making it easy to load on a wagon for transportation somewhere else or to be stored out of the way.

FOUND AT LAST?

The Poison in Sorghum—An Entirely New Opinion.

Dr. Avery, chemist of the Nebraska station, has been investigating the sorghum poisoning of cattle. As stated in Farm and Ranch, Dr. Avery has analyzed every part of the sorghum plant and found prussic acid in leaves and stalks in dangerous quantities at certain stages of growth and in harmless minute quantities at other stages. Sorghum of normal growth, of four feet and over, contains very little and sometimes none of the poison, but the stunted growth contains it often in fatal amounts. The findings of Professor Avery indicate that the common opinion that it is second growth sorghum that kills is well founded, as those cattle eat that which not only has an abnormally high per cent of the poison, but the very parts of the plant where all the poison is stored, the leaves and stems, the stems having the greater proportion. In matured sorghum most of the stem is rejected, and the amount of poison in the parts eaten is not sufficient to do any harm. Professor Avery adds:

"If the writer may venture from the safe ground of experiment into the uncertain field of speculation, he would suggest that the presence of nitrates in the soil may facilitate the formation of prussic acid in the plants. It is well known that in semiarid sections much of the nitrogen in the soil is in the form of nitrates, while in well watered sections the greater part of the nitrogen is combined with humus. May not this fact explain why sorghum, stunted by an occasional dry season, is seldom fatal to stock in the east and that many of the most severe outbreaks occur where irrigation is practiced?"

A Good Game to Stick To.

An exchange reports Mr. J. D. Wing of Ohio as of the opinion that fat mutons will be in demand for export. "Sheep and lamb feeding is a good game to stick to, provided the feeder raises his own feed. We raise lots of alfalfa and feed it in conjunction with ear corn. Never shell the corn. At least that is our experience, and it has been a profitable one. The thin lambs are the ones to buy. The feeder gets the growth with them and will make money by not finishing them too much. Send them to market on the light side, if anything, is my policy. When buying feeding lambs, be sure to pick those with open, loose fleeces. They do better in the feed lot than close fleeced stock."

Fast Corn Shuckings.

From Kansas comes the information that that state possesses the most rapid corn shucker on record, at least for Kansas. Harvey Bertley of Hunkin hushed recently 115 bushels of corn in five hours. The second place in corn husking fame in that section is held by a man who husked 134 bushels in seven hours. It is generally recognized that a man who can husk 100 bushels of corn a day is considered good.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Mrs. Mann—"Hannah, didn't I hear something break in your room this morning?"

Hannah—"It was one of your china vases, marm. I suppose you thought it was something that belonged to me. Your sympathy is just as highly appreciated as if it were needed."

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Explained.—Mrs. Kersely—"I don't see your lady friend with you any more."

Miss Cunnun—"No; but you may have noticed my lady friend's gentleman, friend with me; so she's my lady enemy now."

Croup.

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Charley—"Oh, dear I'm so tired I'm all out of breath."

Frank—"Sort of a pneumatic tire, eh?"

"I never see John these days. Where is he now?"

"He's off somewhere a-learnin' of Latin an' Greek."

"And what's the old man doin'?"

"Splittin' rails in dialect for to pay John's bills."

Befriending the Shark.

Like the lion, the shark is said to have a faithful attendant. This is the pilotfish, so named because it guides the shark to its prey. Yet this fish is somewhat stupid, for it often mistakes a ship for a gigantic shark, swimming about it for days until the pangs of hunger compel it to go away. In tropical seas it is common to fish for sharks. The great, strong hook is baited with bacon. Once a pilotfish innocently enough led a shark to its doom. The shark had been noticed from a vessel, and the bacon baited hook was let down. In a moment a pilotfish snuffed at the tempting meat and at once swam off to the shark, which it guided by various devices to the bacon. As soon as the shark spied the bait it went for it, swallowing hook and all. In return for the services it renders the pilotfish is supposed to get the leavings from its lord and master's meal.

Good Shot.

"What should I pop?" the hunter said. As he strolled along with her, and she responded, blushing red, "Perhaps the question, sir!"

In order to be a gentleman many a man has to forget himself.—Saturday Evening Post.

Two are company until they're made one.—Baltimore American.

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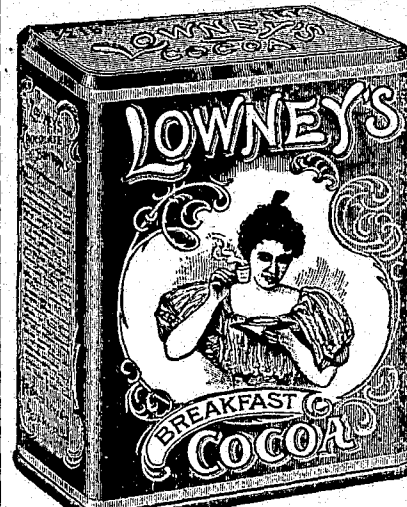
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YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Fate of Lazy Jim.

There was a little schoolboy once;
They called him Lazy Jim.
He went so slow, his lessons soon
Got ahead of him.
With grammar he could ne'er keep up;
In sums he was behind.
He was the very laziest boy
That ever one could find.

But that was not the worst, for when
Jim's days of school were o'er,
He traveled at a slower pace
Than he had done before;
And then—oh, then his fate was sealed!
For as he lagged along,
All sorts of things caught up with him—
A truly dreadful throng.

First Poverty came striding up
And joined him as he went;
Trouble came next, with shambling
haste;
Then Debt and Discontent,
And when the doleful company
Had closed round Lazy Jim,
Despair came up and clutched him
tight
And made an end of him!

Leon's Excuse.

Leon was late. He could hear
the shrill voices of the primer
class, as he stood outside. How he
dreaded to go in!—for he had no
excuse from mamma in his pocket.

There was no reason why he
should have one, for it was early
when she tied his necktie and
gave him a kiss, and said:

"Be a little man to-day, Leon."
And he had answered, "Yes,
mamma, I will."

He meant it too, but he forgot
so soon!

There were deep drifts on each
side of the road, which the wind
had blown hard, and it was such
fun to climb to the top and
slide down! It was more fun
when he landed on his head.
Then, when he reached Roy Clark's
Roy was not waiting for him as
usual. He was at the window,
and called to him to come in.

"Ma won't let me go to school,"
he explained, "because my throat
is swelled and I've got the sniffles;
but you must stop and see my
Belgian hares. There are two
baby ones, which you've never
seen."

"I'll stop just a minute," said
Leon.

Then he forgot all about school
and everything else but feeding
Roy's pets, till Roy's mother said:
"You'll be late to school. The
clock has struck nine."

Then he rushed from the house
and ran all the way to school, but
of course he was very late.

"I've got to be a little man and
own up, for I promised mamma,"
he said to himself.

Then he opened the door and
went in. The teacher and all of
the boys and girls looked at him,
and his face got very red.

"Have you an excuse from your
parents, Leon?" asked the teacher.
Leon looked down at his boots,
and wished, oh, how he wished he
could say he had been sent on an
errand, or anything but the truth!
But he could not be a man unless
he told the truth, so he raised his
eyes and looked into the teacher's
face.

"I slid on the drifts—and kept
sliding, and I stopped to see Roy's
hares and I just forgot there was
any school. That's the reason, but
I guess you won't think it is a very
good excuse," he said frankly.

"It is one I can hardly accept,"
said the teacher, "but I am glad
you were manly enough to tell me
the truth. It makes my heart
light when one of my boys or
girls has the courage to own a
fault."

And Leon's heart, too, was
lighter as he took his book and
tried to make up for lost time.—
Julia D. Peck.

Some Long Naps.

All animals have their time for
sleeping, says a writer in an ex-
change.

We sleep at night, so do most of
the insects and birds. But there
are some little creatures that take
such very long sleeps! When they
are all through their summer
work they crawl into winter quar-
ters. There they stay until the
cold weather is over. Large num-
bers of frogs, butterflies and spi-
ders do this. If they were only to
sleep for the night the blood would
keep moving in their veins and
they would breathe. But in this
winter sleep they do not appear to

breathe, or the blood to move.
Yet they are alive, only in such a
"dead sleep."

But wait until the springtime.
The warm sun will wake them up
again. They will come out, one
by one, from their hiding places.

However, there are some kinds
of animals that hide away in the
winter that are not wholly asleep
all the time. The blood moves a
little, and once in a while they
take a breath. If the weather is
at all mild, they wake up enough
to eat.

Now isn't it curious that they
know all this beforehand? Such
animals always lay up something
to eat, just by their side, when
they go into their winter sleeping
places. But those that do not
wake up never lay up any food, for
it would not be used if they did.

The little field-mouse lays up
nuts and grain. It eats some
when it is partly awake of a warm
day.

The bat does not need to do this,
for the same warmth that wakes
him wakes all the insects on which
he feeds. He catches some and
then eats.

The woodchuck, a kind of mar-
mot, does not wake, yet he lays
up dried grass near his hole.
What is it for, do you think? On
purpose to have it ready the first
moment he wakes in the spring.
Then he can eat and be strong be-
fore he comes out of his hole.

I have told you that this sleep
lasts all winter. But with some
animals it often lasts much longer
than that. Frogs have been known
to sleep several years! When
they were brought into the warm
air they came to life and hopped
about as lively as ever.

I have read of a toad that was
found in the middle of a tree, fast
asleep. No one knew how he
came there. The tree had kept on
growing until there were sixty
rings in the trunk. As a tree adds
a ring every year, the poor crea-
ture had been there all that time!
What do you think of that for a
long sleep? And yet he woke up
all right, and acted just like any
other toad!

How many things are sleeping
in the winter! Plants, too, as well
as animals. What a busy time
they do have in waking up, and
how little we think about it.

His Name.

There is a certain small boy who re-
joices in the name of Waite Pearsall.
He commenced to attend school a short
time ago, and the teacher had quite an
experience in finding out his name.

"What is your name?" she asked as
Waite took his seat.

"Waite," said the boy promptly.
The teacher looked rather surprised,
but said nothing for a few moments,
thinking perhaps he was frightened.
Then she asked again, "What's your
name?"

"Waite," said the possessor of the
name.

After another few minutes' silence
the teacher, becoming impatient, ex-
claimed:
"Well, I've waited plenty long
enough now! Please tell me your
name."

That made the boys laugh, and final-
ly the teacher understood.—Pearson's
Weekly.

A Delightful Children's Game.

When an afternoon full of games has
left the nursery in great disorder, Bes-
sie and Gertrude have one very last
game to play, called "Helpfulness."
Bessie invented it.

On separate slips of paper are writ-
ten the names of the principal things
in the room—door, chairs, rugs, book-
case, bureau, closet, sofa, corners, ta-
bles, window sills and desk—the slips
of paper shuffled about, backs up.

Each person "playing" draws one in
turn till all are taken, putting in order
that part of the room or piece of fur-
niture named, and when the game is
done behold the room neat and fresh
again.—Youth's Companion.

They Stick Out Their Tongues.

The little boys and girls of Tibet are
taught to be polite, just as nice Ameri-
can children are. Their politeness,
however, is very different from ours.

How do you suppose they say, "How
do you do?" Not by kissing or shaking
hands. Oh, no. They simply run out
their tongues. It is not rude in them,
but quite the proper thing.

Then when they wish to put on their
best manners they not only stick out
their tongues, but they uncover their
heads and scratch their right ears at
the same time.

Refused to Contribute.

One day a man was talking to his
wife about remodeling the interior of
their home before his two sons, John,
aged four, and Wayne, aged nine.
Among other things to be done, he sug-
gested that it would be a good plan to
wainscot all the rooms. John listened
intently to all his father said until he
had finished, and then he remarked:
"If you want to use coats in this
room, papa, you will have to use your
own, 'cause you can't use John's coat
or Wayne's coat, either."—Little
Chronicle.

THE ABBOT'S APPETITE.

It Cost Him 500 Crowns and a Term
in Prison.

King Henry VIII. was once out hunt-
ing when he stopped at the Abbey of
Reading and was entertained at dinner
by the abbot. A splendid leg of mut-
ton stood upon the table, to which his
majesty did ample justice. The abbot,
however, did not eat much and re-
marked that he would willingly give
500 crowns if his appetite were as
good as that of his guest.

"Do you really mean what you say?"
inquired the king.

"Of course," said the abbot.

A few days after this the king sent
messengers to seize the abbot, with se-
cret orders to bring him to London and
confine him in the Tower. The abbot
was accordingly brought to the Tower
of London and fed on prisoners' spare
diet in one of the cells. Very soon the
abbot became less plump in the face,
and living on bread and water gave
him an appetite which he never pos-
sessed before. One day he was in-
formed that before long, owing to the
king's birthday, a good dinner of roast
mutton would be given to the prison-
ers.

On the day fixed therefore a large
leg of mutton was brought into the
abbot's cell and very soon the abbot be-
gan to enjoy his dinner. Presently the
door opens and King Henry himself
enters, saying: "What is this my friend
the abbot of Reading whose appetite
is so keen? Pay me the 500 crowns,
sir abbot, which you promised me
when I dined at your abbey at Read-
ing, the condition being that your ap-
petite equaled mine."

The abbot laughed, and seeing now
the reason of his seizure and imprison-
ment gladly promised the money, af-
ter which he was set free.—Chatterbox.

Trout Well Off In Glass.

A little boy stood in front of the brook
trout exhibit at the aquarium recently,
peering intently at the speckled beauties.
He turned to the fish expert who
stood near him and said: "It seems a
pity to keep the beautiful fish in these
tanks. They would have so much more
fun in a brook."

"They are much safer here," said the
wise man, "especially these brook trout.
Do you know that not more than one in
every thousand of the brook trout cre-
ated lives to be more than a mere baby
boy? Why, the little trout no sooner
takes his first peep out from the gravel
where he has been gaining strength for
the battle of life than all sorts of mon-
sters attack him. Frogs, weasels,
chubs, lizards, water snakes, herrings
and minnows go for the little fellow,
and when he has escaped these he has
the larger trout to fight or run away
from. To escape all these he has to
remain in shallow water, near the
banks, for a long time, and when the
little beauty has learned all the tricks
to save his life and has become the one
in a thousand to escape the baby dan-
gers the fisherman comes along and
tempts him with a fly and gets him.
Now, isn't the trout in the glass case
better off?"

The boy thought he was.—New York
Tribune.

Funny Fishermen.

In England the boys—and sometimes
grown men—have a very funny way of
catching fish.

You would never guess what it is, so
I might just as well tell you right off.

It was an English boy who told me
about it.

"You must first catch a goose," he
said, "and that is the hardest part."



THE FISHERMAN ALL READY.

Then you tie a line, which has a baited
hook on one end, to the goose's leg.

"Then let her go. She'll make for
the water every shot, and as she swims
about she, of course, drags hook and
line after her.

"Pretty soon a fish bites and maybe
gets hooked.

"Then the goose feels something tug-
ging at her leg, and she swims along
about as hard as she can, but this only
makes the tugging worse. The only
way to get away from that awful some-
thing, she thinks, is to get out of the
water.

"So, with wildly beating wings, she
makes for the shore at a rattling pace."
—Boston Traveler.

"Quite the Reverse."

Two little girls, Rachel, aged six,
and Sarah, a few years older, were in
school one day when the teacher no-
ticed that Rachel was chewing gum.
She looked at her in surprise and said:

"Why, Rachel, do you chew your
gum in school?"

"No, ma'am," replied the child.

"This is Sarah's gum I'm chewing."

Dreams Go by Contraries.

Old Gentleman—Why are you crying,
my little man?

Small Boy (sobbing)—I dreamed last
night that the school burned down,
and—

Old Gentleman (sympathetically)—
Oh, I don't believe that it has.

Small Boy—Neither do I. I kin see
the top of it over the hill.



Mrs. Hughson, of Chicago, whose
letter follows, is another woman in high
position who owes her health to the use of
Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered for several years with general
weakness and bearing-down pains, caused by womb trouble. My ap-
petite was fitful, and I would lie awake for hours, and could not sleep,
until I seemed more weary in the morning than when I retired. After
reading one of your advertisements I decided to try the merits of Lydia
E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am so glad I did. No one
can describe the good it did me. I took three bottles faithfully, and
besides building up my general health, it drove all disease and poison
out of my body, and made me feel as spry and active as a young girl.
Mrs. Pinkham's medicines are certainly all they are claimed to be."
—Mrs. M. E. HUGHSON, 347 East Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Pinkham Tells How Ordinary Tasks Produce Displacements.

Apparently trifling incidents in woman's daily life frequently produce
displacements of the womb. A slip on the stairs, lifting during menstruation,
standing at a counter, running a sewing machine, or attending to the most
ordinary tasks may result in displacement, and a train of serious evils is started.
The first indication of such trouble should be the signal for quick action.
Don't let the condition become chronic through neglect or a mistaken idea
that you can overcome it by exercise or leaving it alone.

More than a million women have regained health by the use of Lydia E.
Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

If the slightest trouble appears which you do not understand
write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., for her advice, and a few
timely words from her will show you the right thing to do. This
advice costs you nothing, but it may mean life or happiness or both.

Mrs. Lelah Stowell, 177 Wellington
St., Kingston, Ont., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—You are indeed a
godsend to women, and if they all knew what
you could do for them, there would be no need
of their dragging out miserable lives in agony.

"I suffered for years with bearing-down pains,
womb trouble, nervousness, and excruciating head-
ache, but a few bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's
Vegetable Compound made life look
new and promising to me. I am light and
happy, and I do not know what sickness
is, and I now enjoy the best of health."

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all troubles of the uterus or womb. It dissolves and expels tumors from the
uterus in the early stage of development, and checks any tendency to cancer-
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above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness.
Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Stewed Apples.

To stew apples so each quarter is un-
broken and so clear one can almost see
through it is an art, and yet it is a sim-
ple thing to do if one only knows how.
Peel tart apples very thin, cut them in
quarters and remove the cores and
seeds. As fast as you can peel and
quarter them drop the apples in a
saucepan in which you have already
placed cold water to the depth of two
inches. When the apples are all in, put
the saucepan over a slow fire, cover it
till the water reaches the boiling point,
then remove the cover and let the ap-
ples simmer almost imperceptibly till
you can pierce them easily with a
broom splint; then sprinkle the sugar
over them and let them just simmer
until it is all melted. Remove the
saucepan from the fire and let it stand
where the apples will get cold before
turning them into a dish for the table.
—Green's Fruit Grower.

The Samovar.

While it is generally known that the
samovar is a distinctly Russian article,
the fact may not be so familiar that in
the land of the czar the manufacture
of samovars is a privilege of the gov-
ernment, and the imperial crest is
found upon every genuine Russian tea
urn. The reason given for the govern-
ment's engaging in this manufacturing
business is that the samovar may be
within the purchasing power of the
humblest peasant, and it is therefore
found in the humblest as well as the
most pretentious home in the land. The
real article is always heated by char-
coal, but returned travelers, and par-
ticularly Americans, find it more con-
venient to have their samovar adapted
for spirit lamp heating when intended
for use in their own homes.

Not Dutiable.

"Have you any articles of value with
you?" asked the customs inspector.

"Nothing," answered the returning
traveler, "except a wealthy grass wid-
ow whom I expect to marry as soon as
I land."

"Well," mused the inspector, rubbing
his chin thoughtfully, "I guess you can
take her through. Seems to me she
will come under the classification of
baled hay, and that is free."—Balti-
more American.

LESSON IN DRAWING.

Simple Way of Making an Oval That
Seems Very Difficult.

Of course, you all know how to make
a circle. That's easy, and there are
numberless ways of doing it—with a
pair of compasses or a string or a
piece of paper with two holes punched
in at the requisite distance apart or in
any other way that fancy may suggest.

But how many of you know how to
draw a perfect oval? That's a very
different matter. It does not require
any elaborate instruments to do it,
however, and if you will follow the
directions given below you will find
yourself able to do it without any dif-
ficulty.

Take two stout pins and stick them
firmly into the table, through the sheet
of paper on which you wish to draw
the oval, about two inches apart. Then
tie together the ends of a bit of string,
about eight inches long, so as to form a
loop, leaving two loose ends, each
about an inch long. When you have
done this, tie the loose ends into a
smaller loop, which need not be larger
than sufficient to admit the point of a
pencil.

Now place the larger loop over the
two pins and, putting the point of your
pencil through the smaller loop, stretch
the string as far as it will go and circle
all around the pins. You will find that
in moving from one pin to the other
the string forms an ever varying tri-
angle and that the figure described in
passing all around the pins is as per-
fect an oval as the most delicate in-
strument can produce.

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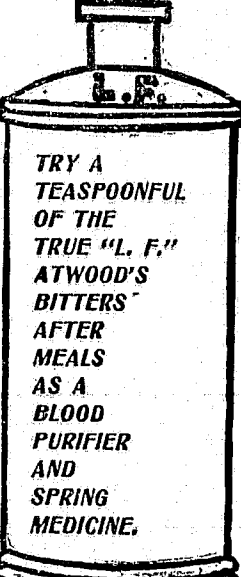
When a man pays as he goes, he al-
ways gets a welcome back.—Philadel-
phia Record.

Mother's Birthday.

Tuesday is mother's birthday;
We're having a garden feast.
She's getting a very old lady,
She must be twenty at least.

She says that very old ladies
Don't care so much what they eat,
So she's let me choose the goodies.
We're to have at the garden treat.

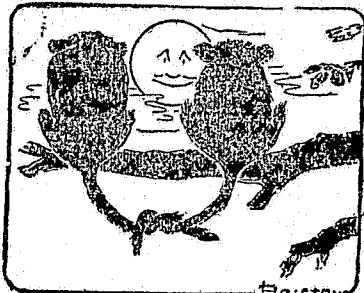
I chose some cold plum pudding
And some damson tart and milk,
And Dolly shall come to the party
In her very best silk.
—Roma White.



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For Sale.—Furnished House.

The Meyer house, situated on the corner of Church and Main streets, and fronting upon Bethel Common, in Bethel village, formerly known as the Skillings house. This house has recently been put in good repair and elegantly furnished. For terms apply to HERRICK & PARK, Bethel, Maine.

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Farm for Sale.

The Ethridge farm, so called, on Grover Hill, last occupied by Chas. W. Willey. Good orchard, sufficient wood for place. Some young timber, excellent pasture and good buildings. A good bargain for a party wanting a farm. Apply to HERRICK & PARK, Bethel, Me.

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Reward.

A reward of \$25 is offered for the detection and conviction of the person or persons who broke into the gate house of the Bethel Water Co. and damaged its property.

BETHEL WATER CO.

3w34 By A. E. Herrick, Sec.

Wanted.

Two and four-horse teams to haul spruce and birch, two miles from West Bethel; good liberal prices will be paid to good parties; address all communications to F. E. Lary, West Bethel, Maine.

2w35 STABLE BROTHERS.

TWILIGHT IN IRELAND.

It is Different From That Seen In Any Other Country.

The interior of a typical Irish cabin is a sorry sight. The floor is of stone, uncovered except for a few rag mats. The furniture is of the poorest, and sometimes it is homemade; tables improvised from boxes, chairs from barrels, and the beds more like stalls for cattle, with their straw mattresses and bundle of rags for clothing. A slow, dull fire of peat gives a cheerless warmth to the room. What few dishes there are belonging to the family are arranged on the mantelpiece. Strips of bacon, dried cod and herbs hang from the ceiling.

After a frugal meal Pat will take his evening promenade. It is between supper time and going to bed that the Irish most enjoy themselves. An Irish twilight is different from any other; indeed, it is without a rival. It seems as if there the sun were loath to set, casting its rays over the Emerald Isle many hours after it had disappeared elsewhere. In that delicious moment, just before it finds its final resting place for the night, it is most enchanting. Over everything is an unspeakable spell of peace and quiet, and a warm glow casts into shadow unsightly objects and surrounds them with a mystic halo of golden light. It radiates into the hearts of Ireland's humblest inhabitants, and they rally forth, rich and poor alike, mingling in a throng of living, moving humanity.

WHAT ASSOCIATION DOES.

How the Long Island Growers Handle the Cauliflower Crop.

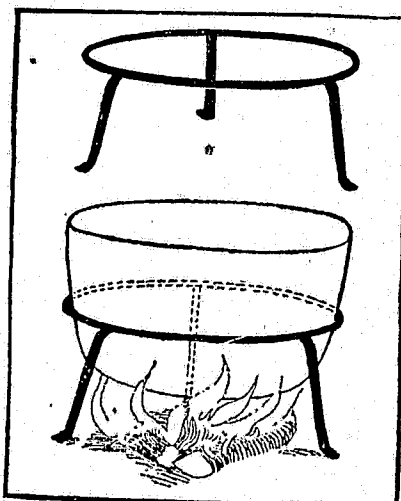
The Long Island Cauliflower Growers' association is handling its crop in about the same way as last year. There is an increase in the membership and acreage. We handle this season fully 95 per cent of the crop in the section where we operate. By arrangement with the railroad company here we have this year secured a special cauliflower train which runs every day and gives a much improved service over anything we have had before. Our shipment of this season will probably be 20 per cent greater than last year. Our expenses are met by loading and shipping in car lots to our own consignees and applying the difference between local rate and car rate to expense account. This works very nicely and is sufficient for our needs.

We are delivering about 3,000 barrels daily to the New York and Brooklyn markets and try to maintain the shipment at this point or below it, as any increase above this number results in very low sales. In fact, the limit of a paying market in these two cities seems to be reached at 3,000 barrels, and we try to keep it within this limit by diverting the excess to other markets. We are for this purpose continually shipping to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago, maintaining for these markets a service in iced cars. This service is furnished without extra cost to our members, as the difference between local rate and car rate increases with the length of haul, and we are able to pay for the ice and royalty on the car without making a charge on the shipper. The association has done something this season in the way of selling cars outright on the track here and with very satisfactory results. I believe a sales department could be established, and if competently managed it would be a great benefit to our people.—J. M. Supton in American Agriculturist.

An Iron Kettle Support.

An article very handy to have in butchering time, a stand for the iron kettle used for heating water, is sketched by an Iowa Homestead correspondent.

Take a piece of wagon tire and bend it into a circle so that it will fit the



STAND FOR AN IRON KETTLE.

kettle about half way up the side; then rivet or weld the ends together and fasten legs to this by rivets or welding. The legs should be turned out at the bottom so they won't sink into the ground. The height of the legs should be about twelve inches.

I prefer riveting, as it is so much easier done and can be done on the farm, while if the legs are welded on it will have to be made by a good blacksmith. With this device a person can heat water and render lard with the greatest convenience.

To the Practical Corn Breeder.

To the practical corn breeder I urge only three things: First, adopt the row system, plant twenty-five to fifty good seed ears, one ear to a row, then select your seed for the next year on the basis of performance record from about ten rows which produce the highest yield and the best ears. Second, breed corn for a purpose. If you wish to feed corn, breed and grow high protein corn. If you wish to grow corn for starch and glucose factories, breed and grow the corn the factory wants. Third, until we have more facts don't devote too much time in trying to produce kernels on the tip end of the cob or in trying to reduce the size of the cob or in trying to make the tip end of the ear as large as the butt or in pulling out suckers or in doing other things the ultimate effect of which is unknown. It is not yet known with any degree of certainty whether those things are beneficial, injurious or without effect on the production of the crop.—G. C. Hopkins, Illinois.

First Class Hay Likely to Be Dear.

According to the Hay and Grain Reporter, good hay is a scarce article all over the country, and this following so closely upon last year's shortage may result in a duplication of the twenty-six dollar a ton rate which prevailed in Kansas City last year before the late rains fell. There is plenty of hay, such as it is.

Thought and Action.

Aim high. Don't let the pump freeze. Face the future with courage. Miss no chance to gather ice. Send for the seed catalogues now. The clean, warm stable is the place for profit.

A singletree makes a fine gambrel upon which to hang a hog.

A temporary shelter fixed for stormy days will be appreciated by the flock. A lighted lantern under the lap robe will help you keep warm in zero weather.

Bringing up the farmer is a greater study than bringing up the farm. It pays better too.

What Ah Grim Found IN HIS STOCKING

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The night before Christmas Ah Grim To bed went as twilight grew dim; He feared good St. Chris His stockings would miss Unless all was quiet for him.

At daylight the giant arose; His stockings looked flat to the toes, And Grim almost wept; He thought while he slept The saint had neglected his hose.



But when Grim the stockings put on He found them a bit hard to don, For top, drum and ball, That small boys' anthers, From Grim's giant stockings were drawn.

The fact was, no toys Santa had The size for a good giant lad; So he left what he could, And not what he should, Which still made Ah Grim's Christmas glad.

DUCKLINGS AFLOAT



The Crew (thoughtfully): "Sailing isn't such hard work as paddling, but we don't seem likely to catch many tadpoles."—Little Folks.

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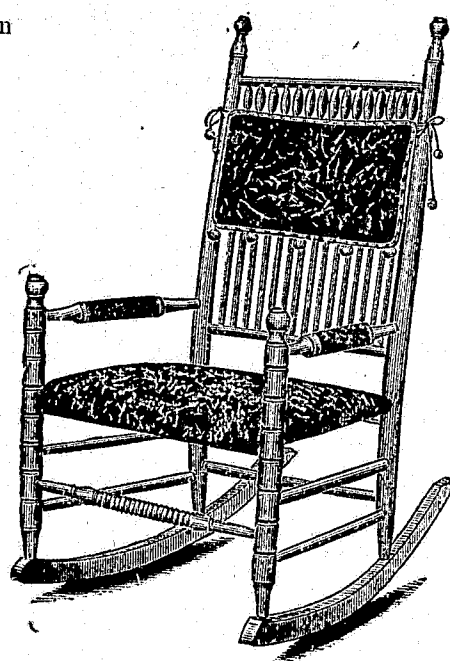
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